

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

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--This application is a divisional application of U.S. application no. 09/259,579, filed March 1, 1999.--

Please insert after line 23, at page 6, the following new paragraph:

--FIG. 6 is a flow diagram illustrating a method for characterizing colors for reproduction between a first device and a second device.--

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--FIG. 6 is a flow diagram illustrating a method for characterizing colors for reproduction between a first device and a second device, as described above. As shown in FIG. 6, the method includes normalizing first tristimulus values indicative of a color of the first device using local black point values (78), transforming the normalized first tristimulus values to obtain color values indicative of modified cone response of the human eye (80), chromatically adapting the color values from a local condition to a reference condition (82), and transforming the adapted color values to obtain second tristimulus values (84).--